

USEPA Brownfields Program



Virginia Regional Brownfields Conference

Getting Your Brownfields Project Funded

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US EPA Brownfields Mission

- EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together to assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields.

Brownfields & Revitalization Programs Benefit Communities...

- Reduces blight
- Removes stigma of contamination
- Restores pride in community
- Creates tax revenue
- Creates jobs
- Revitalizes neighborhoods
- Reduces health risks
- Protects/creates greenspace
- Reduces sprawl
- Promotes sustainability





From dumps to

office parks





*From strip mines
and acid drainage*

*to a picnic area
and sculpture gardens*





*From a 283 acre
mountain of
industrial slag –*

*To 700+ new
homes*



Every Acre of Brownfields Developed



**Saves 4 ½ Acres of
Greenfields**

Types of Grant Funding

- **Assessment**
- **Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)**
- **Cleanup**
- ❖ **Job training grants**
smaller boutique grant program offered under a different solicitation process.

Assessment Grant

- \$200,000 community-wide/site-specific grants
- \$150,000 additional may be requested
 - Phase I: record reviews, site visit
 - Phase II: sampling, analysis
 - Phase III: cleanup/remediation planning
 - Governmental entities or government-related
 - 3 year project periods
- Sometimes it's all they need

Cleanup Grant

- \$200,000 per site (requires a 20% cost share)
 - Conduct actual cleanup of contamination
 - Indoor contaminants
 - Soil and groundwater
 - Governmental entities and nonprofit organizations
 - 3 year project periods
 - Applicant must own the property

Revolving Loan Fund Grants

- \$1 million grants (requires a 20% cost share)
 - low-interest loan fund for cleanups (60%)
 - Subgrant for cleanups (40%)
 - Governmental entities
 - Can loan to private parties
 - 5 year project periods



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Job Training Grant

- \$200,000 grants
 - For training and placing underemployed or undereducated residents
 - In communities clearly impacted by brownfields
 - HAZWOPER, OSHA health and safety, outreach
 - Governmental entities and nonprofits
 - 2-year project periods

Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA's)

- EPA can perform direct brownfields site assessments in communities.
- Criteria
 - Site should be for public or non-profit use
 - Strong community support
 - Property owner(s) must allow access
 - Demonstrated commitments to cleanup and reuse site
- On-line application form
 - www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/bfs/regional/index

EPA Funding to Communities Nation-wide 2009/2010

- 2009 EPA funded 389 grants nationwide (\$112M)
 - Assessment grants (\$41 M + \$26 M Recovery Act)
 - Cleanup grants (\$15 M+ \$7 M Recovery Act)
 - RLF grants (\$19 M+ \$4 M Recovery Act)

- 2010 EPA funded 304 grants nationwide(\$79.16M)
 - Assessment grants (\$42.56 M)
 - Cleanup grants (\$19.6 M)
 - RLF grants (\$17 M)

Funding to Date

Since 1995, EPA's Brownfields Program has resulted in:

- More than 15,000 properties assessed
- More than 1000 properties cleaned up
- More than 61,000 jobs reported in cleanup, construction, and redevelopment
- More than \$14 billion leveraged in cleanup and redevelopment funding

EPA Region III Funding to Communities 2009/2010

- 2009 Region III received 48 Proposals
 - 22 selected for funding
 - 18 communities (9 regular/9 Recovery Act)

- 2010 Region III received 47 Proposals
 - 18 grants selected for funding
 - 14 communities

Virginia Brownfield Grants

Assessments	16	\$2.4M
Clean Up	2	\$400K
RLF	1	\$1.0M
Job Training	1	\$173K
VA DEQ		\$5.1M

Application Timeline

- August: RFP (request for proposal)
- October: Proposals Due
- April/May: Awards Announced
- June/July: Workplans Due
- September: Funds Awarded
- October: Project Start

Very competitive: ~38% success in 2010

What makes a good Assessment Project?

- Identified needs (targeted areas)
- Sites ready to go (owner cooperation)
- Development potential (plans adopted)



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What makes a good Cleanup Project?

- Property ownership in place
- Site is fully characterized – know full extent of the cleanup necessary
- Cleanup plan ready/cost estimates
- Other funding in place to complete the cleanup
- Redevelopment plan ready to go and funded for the site



What makes a good Revolving Loan Fund Project?

- Growing market
- Master redevelopment plans that include brownfields
- Capacity to handle financial transactions
- Developer interest in loans





Roanoke



Tips for a Successful Application

- Review previous year grant guidelines
- Begin engaging community
- Respond to all criteria
- Talk with previous grantees
- Create redevelopment plan

Preparation for Applying

- Separate Guidelines for each grant type
- EPA Region III grant application training
- Proposal Guidelines for ARC Grants:
 - www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm

Want More Information?

- EPA's Brownfields Website (download the Proposal Guidelines here)
<http://epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>
- Region 3's Brownfields website (helpful hints and presentation materials)
<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/bfs/grants/index.htm>
- FY09 ARC Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) -
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/publications/fy2009faqs.pdf>

Other Items

Annual Brownfields Conference

- Brownfields 2011: April 3-5; Philadelphia, PA
- www.brownfields2011.org

Next Grant Funding Opportunity

- Proposals due roughly October 2011

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The National Brownfields 2011 Conference

WHEN: April 3-5, 2011

**WHERE: PA Convention Center
Philadelphia, PA**

WHY ATTEND?

Largest networking event of its kind

The best of past conferences combined

Where green decision-makers convene

Unique property transaction opportunities

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